



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Agenda Item

Item 6. B. - Metro-area Watershed Based Funding Pilot Program

Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

Discussions are continuing at each of the counties. I received contact from Ramsey County, as a portion of the LMRWD is within Ramsey County. The portion is Pike Island, which is not taxed because it is state owned property and is part of Fort Snelling State Park. I told Ramsey County that the LMRWD did not need to be included in the allocations for Ramsey County. It would be next to impossible to use the funds under the constraints of the pilot program (any funds would have to be spent within Ramsey County). The percent of area of Ramsey County within the LMRWD is also very small, so the allocation would not be significant.

In discussing this with representatives from Ramsey County we decided a decision from the Board would be appropriate. Therefore the Board should adopt the attached resolution.

Attachments

Resolution 18-01 APPROVING RE-ALLOCATION OF LMRWD PORTION OF METRO-AREA WATERSHED BASED FUNDING PILOT PROGRAM WITHIN RAMSEY COUNTY, MN

Recommended Action

Motion to adopt resolution 18-01

_____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 18-01

RESOLUTION APPROVING RE-ALLOCATION OF LMRWD PORTION OF METRO-AREA WATERSHED BASED FUNDING PILOT PROGRAM WITHIN RAMSEY COUNTY, MN

WHEREAS, the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District ("LMRWD") is a special purpose unit of government, established in accordance with Minnesota Statute 1013D; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources initiated the Metro-area Watershed Based Funding Pilot Program (WBFPP); and

WHEREAS, the WBFPP intends to allocate Clean Water Funds by County throughout the Seven County Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and distribute the funds based on agreement by eligible Local Governmental Units (LGUs) within each county; and

WHEREAS, the LMRWD is eligible to share funds allocated to Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Scott Counties; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the LMRWD within Ramsey County is owned by the State of Minnesota and lies within Fort Snelling State Park and as such is non-taxable. It is unlikely the LMRWD would be able to implement a project within the Ramsey County portion of the Watershed under the policies and guidelines of the WBFPP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Managers of the LMRWD that it has determined not to participate in the Metro-area Watershed Based Funding Pilot Program in Ramsey County and that funds that would have been allocated to the LMRWD be re-distributed amongst other eligible LGUs within Ramsey County.

The Motion was seconded by Manager _____ and adopted by a unanimous vote by the Board of Managers of the LMRWD this 21st day of March, 2018.

Yvonne Shirk, President

ATTEST:

David Raby, Secretary/Treasurer